

Development of infrastructure in textile sector

*137. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is ambitious programme to develop infrastructure in the textile sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it will generate employment opportunities which is becoming operational;

(c) whether Centre will totally take care of financial aspect; and

(d) whether on its fully functional, Government would be able to earn foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA):

(a) Yes, Madam. To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Textiles Parks (SITP).

(b) Under the SITP, 26 projects have been sanctioned. This would facilitate employment generation of more than five lakh persons (direct/indirect).

(c) Estimated project cost of these 26 parks (common infrastructure/facilities) is Rs. 2433.80 Crore of which Government of India support would be Rs. 869 Crore.

(d) These textile parks will cater to both domestic and international markets.

Facilities for economic growth at borders

*138. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, in its attempt to integrate foreign policy with trade, India will make it easier for its neighbours to log into its economic growth at its borders;

(b) whether the Cabinet has approved an elaborate plan to establish a Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) and 13 State-of-the-art Integrated